

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Claim Objections**

Claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for providing helpful direction.

35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1—12, 14-18, 20-27, and 30-33 were rejected as being anticipated by Richardson (GB2344269). The applicant disagrees with the rejections. For the purpose of moving prosecution forward, independent claims have been amended.

Independent claims 10 and 31 now require prongs with cross-shaped cross-section that is different from that shown in figure 12 of Shaw et al. Claims 10 and 31 require that this cross-section be perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the prongs.

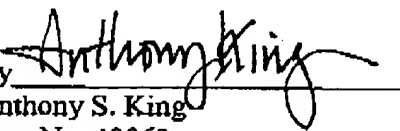
35 USC 103

Previously pending claims 13 and 18 were deemed to be obvious over Richardson (GB 2344269). Those rejections are obviated the amendments to the claims herein.

Request For Allowance

Claims 10-34 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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